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NATIONAL SILKWORM SEED REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Silkworm Seed Regulatory Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its functions;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to give due weightage/priority to silk producing States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal to set up National Silkworm Seed Regulatory Authority. However, amendments have been brought out to the Central Silk Board Act, 1948, (LXI of 1948) by way of notifying the Central Silk Board (Amendment) Act, 2006 (42 of 2006) vide notification dated 14.09.2006. Under this amendment i n the Act, it has been provided for creation of "Central Silk worm Seed Committee".

The Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the Act by taking necessary measures such as -

(i) laying down of quality standards for kind or variety of silk-worm seed;

(ii) authorization of silk-worm races and hybrids for commercial exploitation;

(iii) laying down of quality standards for production of silk-worm seeds;

(iv) laying down the conditions and requirements that have to be met out by the persons desirous of setting up of facilities for production of silk-worm seeds of grainage;

(v) laying down the certification and silk-worm seed testing procedures for seeds sold by the registered producers;

(vi) undertaking the registration of silk-worm seed producers and dealers and controlling, supervising the inspection process to ensure adherence to the specified quality standards and seed certification requirements;

(vii) laying down the conditions and standards for export and import of silk-worm seed and adherence to them;

(viii) programming and planning of silk-worm seed production;

(ix) advising the Central Government and the State Governments on the matters aforesaid; and

(x) such other matters connected and incidental to the production, supply, distribution, trade and commerce in silk-worm seed, as may be specified by regulations made by the Committee from time to time".

(c) & (d)The Government of India provides due weightage/priority to silk producing States for the development of Silk Industry in the country. The Central Silk Board (CSB) being a nodal agency for the overall development of Silk Industry in the country provides Research & Development support and basic seed support to the Silk Industry. The State Governments through the State Sericulture Departments provides extension support, commercial seed and market support for the development of Silk Industry in the respective States.

The Government of India is funding the silk producing states through Catalytic Development Programmes (CDP). A total amount of Rs. 89.42 crores has been released to these states during the year 2006-07.